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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
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Dear Ms. Rutson:

This refers to STB Finance Docket No. 34382, Nevada Central Railroad-Construction and Operation-In Clark, Elko, Eureka, Lander, Nye and White Pine Counties, and to your letter, dated July 28, 2003, requesting additional information to enable you to prepare the draft scope of study for the Environmental Impact Statement pertaining to the construction proposal.

Delivered to you herewith is the Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the Department of Energy and adopted by the applicant, Nevada Central Railroad, covering what was described in the applicant's letter to you, dated July 17, 2003, as the Bypass Line.

If you have any question concerning the foregoing which you believe I may be able to answer or if I otherwise can be of assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,


Fritz R. Kahn

cc: Mr. Robert A. Kemp

Note to Readers: The attachment referenced in this letter is available for inspection at the Board's offices, Suite 500, by appointment only. Please contact Dave Navecky at 202-565-1593.